

**COUNTY COUNCIL
OF
HOWARD COUNTY, MARYLAND**

2007 Legislative Session

**Legislative Day No. 3
March 5, 2007**

HOWARD COUNTY TO WIT:

The Chairman called the session to order at 7:40 p.m.

Calvin Ball, Chairperson; Courtney Watson, Vice Chairperson; Greg Fox, Council Member; Mary Kay Sigaty, Council Member; and Jennifer Terrasa, Council Member, were present.

Sheila Tolliver; Administrator to the County Council; Jim Vannoy, Office of Law; and Jennifer Sager, Legislative Coordinator, were also present.

APPROVE JOURNAL

The Chairperson moved to adopt the journal for Legislative Day No. 2, February 5, 2007. His motion was seconded by Ms. Watson. The roll call vote called by the Chairperson to approve the journal was: Yea: Council Members Ball, Fox, Sigaty, Terrasa and Watson The motion to approve the journal passed.

APPROVE MINUTES

The Chairperson moved to approve the minutes of the following meetings: Public Hearing Minutes – February 20, 2007; Board of Education/Council Minutes – February 23, 2007; Work Session Minutes – February 26, 2007; Official Minutes of Closed Meeting – February 26, 2007; Confidential Minutes of Closed Meeting – February 26, 2007. His motion was seconded by Ms. Watson.

The roll call vote called by the Chairperson on the motion was: Yea: Council Members Ball, Fox, Sigaty, Terrasa and Watson

The motion to approve the minutes passed. (See attachments.)

WITHDRAW LEGISLATION

Council Resolution No. 23-2007 – Introduced by Jen Terrasa - Urging the United States Congress to pass the Employee Free Choice Act.

Council Member Terrasa moved to withdraw Council Resolution No. 23-2007 before introduction. Her motion was seconded by Ms. Watson.

The roll call vote called by the Chairperson on the motion was: Yea: Council Members Ball, Fox, Sigaty, Terrasa and Watson

The motion to withdraw Council Resolution No. 23-2007 passed.

REMOVE FROM TABLE

Council Bill No. 3-2007 – Providing for the issuance of \$100,000,000 "Howard County, Maryland Consolidated Public Improvement Bonds, 2007 Series A" and \$10,000,000 "Howard County, Maryland Metropolitan District Bonds, 2007 Series A", pursuant to various bond enabling laws; prescribing the forms of such bonds, the annual principal installments and various details incident to the sale thereof; providing that such bonds shall be general obligations of the County; providing for the disbursement of the proceeds of such bonds and for the levying of taxes to pay debt service on such bonds; providing for and determining various matters in connection therewith; and providing that this Ordinance shall be supplemental to Council Bills Nos. 34-2006 and 35-2006, as heretofore supplemented (*Tabled 02/05/07*)

Council Resolution No. 2-2007 – Confirming the appointment of James A. McQuarrie to the Alcoholic Beverage Hearing Board (*Tabled 02/05/07*)

The Chairperson moved to remove Council Bill No. 3-2007 and Council Resolution No. 2-2007 from the table. His motion was seconded by Ms. Watson.

The roll call vote called by the Chairperson on the motion was: Yea: Council Members Ball, Fox, Sigaty, Terrasa and Watson

The motion to remove Council Bill No. 3-2007 and Council Resolution No. 2-2007 from the table passed.

INTRODUCTION OF LEGISLATION

The following legislation is introduced by the Chairperson at the request of the County Executive unless otherwise noted:

Appointments

Council Resolution No. 17-2007 – Confirming the appointment of Ramsey Alexander, Jr. to the Planning Board

A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Ramsey Alexander, Jr. to the Planning Board.

Council Resolution No. 18-2007 – Confirming the appointment of Buddy Mays to the Pension Oversight Commission

A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Buddy Mays to the Pension Oversight Commission.

Council Resolution No. 19-2007 – Confirming the appointment of Margaret Ann Nolan as County Solicitor

A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Margaret Ann Nolan as County Solicitor.

Council Resolution No. 20-2007 – Confirming the reappointment of Alfred Bracey to the Human Rights Commission

A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Alfred Bracey to the Human Rights Commission.

Financial

Council Resolution No. 16-2007 – Adopted pursuant to the Maryland Economic Development Revenue Bond Act providing for the issuance and sale by Howard County, Maryland, as its limited obligations and not upon its faith and credit or pledge of its taxing power, of up to \$11,000,000 of its bonds and the loan of the proceeds thereof to The Traditional Acupuncture Institute, Inc. (d/b/a Tai Sophia Institute) to be used to finance and refinance (a) the costs of the acquisition and renovation of certain land and improvements located in Laurel, Maryland and (b) costs of issuance, reserves, capitalized interest and other related costs

A RESOLUTION adopted pursuant to the Maryland Economic Development Revenue Bond Act providing for the issuance and sale by Howard County, Maryland, as its limited obligations and not upon its faith and credit or pledge of its taxing power, of up to \$11,000,000 of its bonds and the loan of the proceeds thereof to The Traditional Acupuncture Institute, Inc. (d/b/a Tai Sophia Institute) to be used to finance and refinance (a) the costs of the acquisition and renovation of certain land and improvements located in Laurel, Maryland and (b) costs of issuance, reserves, capitalized interest and other related costs; reserving certain rights; providing for the issuance and sale of bond anticipation notes for such purposes; authorizing the County Executive to specify, prescribe, determine, provide for or approve certain matters, details, forms, documents or procedures; and specifying and describing various matters in connection therewith.

General

Council Bill No. 9-2007 – Introduced by Calvin Ball - Providing for a credit against the County property tax for certain devices that generate electricity under certain circumstances; providing for an application date for the credit and generally relating to property tax credits

AN ACT providing for a credit against the County property tax for certain devices that generate electricity under certain circumstances; providing for an application date for the credit and generally relating to property tax credits.

Council Bill No. 10-2007 – Introduced by Calvin Ball - Altering the qualifications for a property tax credit for certain senior citizens; providing for the rate of the credit; clarifying certain calculations; providing for publicity for the credit; and generally relating to property tax credits

AN ACT altering the qualifications for a property tax credit for certain senior citizens; providing for the rate of the credit; clarifying certain calculations; providing for publicity for the credit; and generally relating to property tax credits.

Council Bill No. 11-2007 – Introduced by Greg Fox - Requiring applicants for a certain property tax credit to also apply for other credits; clarifying how certain property tax credits are to be applied; and generally relating to property tax credits

AN ACT requiring applicants for a certain property tax credit to also apply for other credits; clarifying how certain property tax credits are to be applied; and generally relating to property tax credits.

Council Bill No. 12-2007 – Introduced by Calvin Ball - Altering the amount of the County supplement to the Homeowners' Property Tax Credit; repealing a certain property tax credit for certain senior citizens; and generally relating to property tax credits

AN ACT altering the amount of the County supplement to the Homeowners' Property Tax Credit; repealing a certain property tax credit for certain senior citizens; and generally relating to property tax credits.

Council Bill No. 13-2007 – Amending the 2000 General Plan by adjusting the Planned Service Area boundary of the Master Plan for Water and Sewerage to include a religious facility located on approximately 12.47 acres with an address of 8300 Old Columbia Road, Fulton, Howard County, Maryland; and generally relating to the 2000 General Plan

AN ACT amending the 2000 General Plan by adjusting the Planned Service Area boundary of the Master Plan for Water and Sewerage to include a religious facility located on approximately 12.47 acres with an address of 8300 Old Columbia Road, Fulton, Howard County, Maryland; and generally relating to the 2000 General Plan.

Council Bill No. 14-2007 – Amending the 2000 General Plan by adjusting the Planned Service Area boundary of the Master Plan for Water and Sewerage to include a religious facility located on approximately 3.28 acres with an address of 11795 Scaggsville Road, Fulton, Howard County, Maryland; and generally relating to the 2000 General Plan

AN ACT amending the 2000 General Plan by adjusting the Planned Service Area boundary of the Master Plan for Water and Sewerage to include a religious facility located on approximately 3.28 acres with an address of 11795 Scaggsville Road, Fulton, Howard County, Maryland; and generally relating to the 2000 General Plan.

Council Resolution No. 21-2007 – Endorsing the provision of financing by the State Department of Business and Economic Development for one economic development project in Howard County and certifying that the project is consistent with the County’s plan for economic development

A RESOLUTION endorsing the provision of financing by the State Department of Business and Economic Development for one economic development project in Howard County and certifying that the project is consistent with the County’s plan for economic development.

Council Resolution No. 22-2007 – Introduced by Calvin Ball and Courtney Watson - Requesting tax preparers to inform their clients about property tax credits

A RESOLUTION requesting tax preparers to inform their clients about property tax credits.

FINAL CONSIDERATION

The Chairperson moved to adopt the following legislation:

Consent Agenda

Council Resolution No. 2-2007 – Confirming the appointment of James A. McQuarrie to the Alcoholic Beverage Hearing Board (Tabled 2/5/07)

Council Resolution No. 9-2007 – Confirming the appointment of Paul K. Casey to the Housing and Community Development Board

Council Resolution No. 10-2007 – Confirming the appointment of Theresa E. Long to the Pension Oversight Commission

Council Resolution No. 11-2007 - Confirming the appointment of Janet Siddiqui, M.D. to the Howard County Board of Education

Council Resolution No. 15-2007 – Confirming the appointment of Peter Bienson as Health Officer for Howard County

Council Resolution No. 14-2007 – Introduced by the Chairperson - Calling the County Council of Howard County, Maryland into legislative session on March 29, 2007

Supplementary Budget & Appropriation Ordinance No. 5-Fiscal 2007 – Transferring \$44,100 from the Grant Fund Contingency to the Department of Police for a grant to combat gangs and gang violence

His motion was seconded by Ms. Watson.

The roll call vote called by the Chairperson on the legislation was: Yea: Council Members Ball, Fox, Sigaty, Terrasa and Watson

Council Resolutions No. 2-2007, No. 9-2007, No. 10-2007, No. 11-2007, No. 15-2007, No. 14-2007 and Supplementary Budget & Appropriation Ordinance No. 5-FY07 passed.

Financial

Council Bill No. 3-2007 – Providing for the issuance of \$100,000,000 "Howard County, Maryland Consolidated Public Improvement Bonds, 2007 Series A" and \$10,000,000 "Howard County, Maryland Metropolitan District Bonds, 2007 Series A", pursuant to various bond enabling laws; prescribing the forms of such bonds, the annual principal installments and various details incident to the sale thereof; providing that such bonds shall be general obligations of the County; providing for the disbursement of the proceeds of such bonds and for the levying of taxes to pay debt service on such bonds; providing for and determining various matters in connection therewith; and providing that this Ordinance shall be supplemental to Council Bills Nos. 34-2006 and 35-2006, as heretofore supplemented (Tabled 2/5/07)

The Chairperson moved to adopt Council Bill No. 3-2007. His motion was seconded by Ms. Watson.

The Chairperson moved to adopt Amendment No. 1 to Council Bill No. 3-2007 as follows: (See attached.)

His motion was seconded by Ms. Watson.

The roll call vote called by the Chairperson on the amendment was: Yea: Council Members Ball, Fox, Sigaty, Terrasa and Watson
Amendment No. 1 to Council Bill No. 3-2007 passed.

The roll call vote called by the Chairperson on the bill as amended was: Yea: Council Members Ball, Fox, Sigaty, Terrasa and Watson
Council Bill No. 3-2007 passed as amended.

Supplementary Budget & Appropriation Ordinance No. 6-Fiscal 2007 – Transferring \$400,000 from the General Fund Contingency to various departments for costs associated with the Administration's transition in staff including payouts and severance pay

The Chairperson moved to adopt Supplementary Budget & Appropriation Ordinance No. 6-Fiscal 2007. His motion was seconded by Ms. Watson.

The Chairperson moved to adopt Amendment No. 1 to Supplementary Budget & Appropriation Ordinance No. 6-Fiscal 2007 as follows:

(This amendment reduces the amount to be transferred from \$400,000 to \$370,000.)
In the title strike "\$400,000" and substitute "\$370,000".

On page 1, in line 7, strike "\$400,000" and substitute "\$370,000".
On page 1, in line 22, strike "\$280,000" and substitute "\$250,000".
On page 1, in line 25, strike "\$1,089,360" and substitute "\$1,119,360".
On page 2, in line 3, strike "\$280,000" and substitute "\$250,000".
On page 2, in line 4, strike "\$1,034,180" and substitute "\$1,004,180".

His motion was seconded by Ms. Watson.

The roll call vote called by the Chairperson on the amendment was: Yea: Council Members Ball, Fox, Sigaty, Terrasa and Watson

Amendment No. 1 to Supplementary Budget & Appropriation Ordinance No. 6-Fiscal 2007 passed.

The roll call vote called by the Chairperson on the Supplementary Budget & Appropriation Ordinance as amended was: Yea: Council Members Ball, Fox, Sigaty, Terrasa and Watson

Supplementary Budget & Appropriation Ordinance No. 6-Fiscal 2007 passed.

Council Resolution No. 8-2007 – Adopted pursuant to the Maryland Economic Development Revenue Bond Act providing for the issuance and sale by Howard County, Maryland, as its limited obligations and not upon its faith and credit or pledge of its taxing power, of up to \$44,000,000 of its bonds and the loan of the proceeds thereof to Columbia Vantage House Corporation to be used to (1) finance (a) the costs of the renovation of a multi-building continuing care retirement community located in Columbia, Maryland and (b) costs of issuance, reserves, capitalized interest and other related costs; and (2) refund the outstanding Howard County, Maryland Retirement Community Revenue Bonds (Vantage House Facility) Series 2002A and B; reserving certain rights; providing for the issuance and sale of bond anticipation notes for such purposes; authorizing the County Executive to specify, prescribe, determine, provide for or approve certain matters, details, forms, documents or procedures

The Chairperson moved to adopt Council Resolution No. 8-2007. His motion was seconded by Ms. Watson.

The roll call vote called by the Chairperson on the resolution was: Yea: Council Members Ball, Fox, Sigaty, Terrasa and Watson

Council Resolution No. 8-2007 passed.

General

Council Bill No. 5-2007 – Introduced by Greg Fox/Co-sponsored by Calvin Ball, Mary Kay Sigaty, Jen Terrasa, Courtney Watson - Amending the Howard County Code to require that pre-submission community meetings required for residential subdivision applications in the County be held for minor sub-divisions outside the Planned Service Area for Public Water and Sewer

The Chairperson moved to adopt Council Bill No. 5-2007. His motion was seconded by Ms. Watson.

The roll call vote called by the Chairperson on the bill was: Yea: Council Members Ball, Fox, Sigaty, Terrasa and Watson

Council Bill No. 5-2007 passed.

Council Bill No. 6-2007 - Introduced by Courtney Watson/Co-sponsored by Calvin Ball, Jen Terrasa, and Mary Kay Sigaty - Amending the Howard County Code to require developers to send notice of pre-submission community meetings at least three weeks prior to the scheduled meeting and allow Department of Planning and Zoning staff to attend, on request, pre-submission community meetings required for residential subdivision applications

The Chairperson moved to adopt Council Bill No. 6-2007. His motion was seconded by Ms. Watson.

The Chairperson moved to adopt Amendment No. 1 to Council Bill No. 6-2007 as follows:

(This amendment would remove the option of having a DPZ staff member attending a Pre-submission Community Meeting upon written request and permit citizens to meet with DPZ staff at any point after formal plans have been submitted to DPZ. This amendment also amends the title and corrects a paragraph number.)

On the title page, in line 1 of the title, after “Code”, strike “to require developers to send notice of pre-submission community meetings at least three weeks prior to the scheduled meeting and allow Department of Planning and Zoning staff to attend, on request, pre-submission community meetings required for residential subdivision applications”, and substitute “to allow citizens to request a meeting with a staff member of the Department of Planning and Zoning after the initial plan has been submitted to the Department of Planning and Zoning”.

“(F) CITIZENS MAY REQUEST A MEETING WITH A STAFF MEMBER OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND ZONING TO REVIEW THE DEVELOPMENT PROPOSAL AFTER THE INITIAL PLAN HAS BEEN FORMALLY SUBMITTED TO THE DEPARTMENT.”.

On page 3, in line 7, strike “([f])E)” and substitute “(G)”.

His motion was seconded by Ms. Watson.

The Chairperson moved to adopt Amendment No. 1 to Amendment No. 1 to Council Bill No. 6-2007 as follows:

(This amendment to amendment one would indicate in the title of the bill that developers are required to send notice of pre-submission meetings at least three weeks prior to the meeting date).

Strike lines 8 and 9 of amendment 1, in its entirety, and substitute “On the title page, in line 2 of the title, after “meeting and”, strike”.

In line 10 of amendment 1, strike “and” and substitute an open quotation mark.

In line 11 of amendment 1, after the open quotation mark, strike “to”.

His motion was seconded by Ms. Watson.

The roll call vote called by the Chairperson on the motion was: Yea: Council Members Ball, Fox, Sigaty, Terrasa and Watson

Amendment No. 1 to Amendment No. 1 to Council Bill No. 6-2007 passed.

The roll call vote called by the Chairperson on Amendment No. 1 to Council Bill No. 6-2007 as amended was: Yea: Council Members Ball, Fox, Sigaty, Terrasa and Watson

Amendment No. 1 to Council Bill No. 6-2007 passed as amended.

The Chairperson moved to adopt Amendment No. 2 to Council Bill No. 6-2007. There was no second. Amendment No. 2 to Council Bill No. 6-2007 was not called to a vote.

The roll call vote called by the Chairperson on the bill as amended was: Yea: Council Members Ball, Fox, Sigaty, Terrasa and Watson

Council Bill No. 6-2007 passed as amended.

Council Bill No. 7-2007 – Amending certain definitions related to firearms control; adding certain definitions; adding that certain prohibitions shall not apply to a public safety officer acting within the scope of the officer’s official duties or to certain transfers of electronic weapons

The Chairperson moved to adopt Council Bill No. 7-2007. His motion was seconded by Ms. Watson.

The Chairperson moved to adopt Amendment No. 1 to Council Bill No. 7-2007 as follows:
(This amendment alters the definition of “public safety officer”.)

On page 1, in line 31, strike beginning with the comma down through “OFFICE” on page 2 in line 2.

His motion was seconded by Ms. Watson.

The roll call vote called by the Chairperson on Amendment No. 1 was: Council Members Ball, Sigaty, Terrasa and Watson; Nay: Council Member Fox.

Amendment No. 1 to Council Bill No. 7-2007 passed.

The Chairperson moved to adopt Amendment No. 2 to Council Bill No. 7-2007 as follows:

(This amendment changes the definition of “public safety officer” to ensure that officers who are members of other law enforcement agencies that have authority to possess and use electronic weapons can possess and use electronic weapons in Howard County. This amendment is necessary because officers from law enforcement agencies from surrounding jurisdictions, who may pass through or conduct legitimate enforcement/investigative duties in the County, may currently possess and carry this equipment.)

On page 1, strike beginning with “(G)” in line 30 down through “POLICE” in line 31 and substitute:

“(G) PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICER. AN INDIVIDUAL WHO IS A SWORN MEMBER OF A LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY OF A DEPARTMENT, COUNTY, OR MUNICIPAL CORPORATION OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND, OR SIMILAR AGENCIES OF OTHER STATES AND THE UNITED STATES AND WHO HAS AUTHORITY WITHIN THE INDIVIDUAL’S JURISDICTION TO POSSESS AND USE ELECTRONIC WEAPONS” .

His motion was seconded by Ms. Watson.

The Chairperson moved to adopt Amendment No. 1 to Amendment No. 2 to Council Bill No. 7-2007 as follows:

(This amendment clarifies that a sworn member of the Howard County Department of Police is a public safety officer.)

On page 1, strike lines 3 through 7, inclusive and in their entirety, and substitute:

“(G) PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICER. AN INDIVIDUAL WHO:
(1) IS A SWORN MEMBER OF THE DEPARTMENT OF POLICE; OR
(2) IS A SWORN MEMBER OF A LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY OF A
DEPARTMENT, COUNTY, OR MUNICIPAL CORPORATION OF THE
STATE OF MARYLAND, OR SIMILAR AGENCIES OF OTHER STATES OR
THE UNITED STATES, AND WHO HAS AUTHORITY WITHIN THE
INDIVIDUAL’S JURISDICTION TO POSSESS AND USE AN ELECTRONIC
WEAPON”.

His motion was seconded by Ms. Watson.

The roll call vote called by the Chairperson on the motion was: Yea: Council Members Ball, Fox, Sigaty, Terrasa and Watson

Amendment No. 1 to Amendment No. 2 to Council Bill No. 7-2007 passed.

The Chairperson moved to adopt Amendment No. 2 to Council Bill No. 7-2007 as amended. The roll call vote called by the Chairperson on the motion was: Yea: Council Members Ball, Fox, Sigaty, Terrasa and Watson

Amendment No. 2 to Council Bill No. 7-2007 passed as amended.

The Chairperson moved to adopt Amendment No. 3 to Council Bill No. 7-2007 as follows:

(This amendment requires a report on electronic weapons usage.)

On the title page, in the purpose paragraph, after the final semicolon, insert: “requiring certain reports;”.

On page 2, before line 17, insert:

“Section 2. And Be It Further Enacted by the County Council of Howard County, Maryland, that within 180 days after the conclusion of the pilot project, the Police Department shall submit a report to the County Council on the use of electronic weapons that:

(1) summarizes each use of an electronic weapon; and

(2) describes any deviation from departmental policies.”

Also on page 2, in line 17, strike “2” and substitute “3”.

His motion was seconded by Ms. Watson.

Council Member Terrasa moved to adopt Amendment No. 1 to Amendment No. 3 to Council Bill No. 7-2006 as follows:

(This amendment removes the requirement that the Police Department file a report on the Taser pilot program and replaces it with a preamble noting that the Chief of Police has indicated that he will brief the Council in the pilot program after it is completed.)

On page 1, strike lines 1 through 12, inclusive and in their entirety, and substitute:
“On page 1, before line 1 insert:

WHEREAS, the County Council supports the decision of the Police Department to conduct a six-month pilot program to evaluate the use of electronic weapons by its officers before allowing department-wide use of such weapons, and the Chief of Police has provided assurances to the Council that he will brief the Council on the results of the pilot program within a reasonable time following completion of the pilot program; and

NOW, THEREFORE, “.

Her motion was seconded by Ms. Watson.

The roll call vote called by the Chairperson on the motion was: Nay: Council Members Ball, Fox, and Sigaty; Yea: Council Members Terrasa and Watson
Amendment No. 1 to Amendment No. 3 to Council Bill No. 7-2007 failed.

The roll call vote called by the Chairperson on Amendment No. 3 as amended was: Nay: Council Members Ball, Fox, Sigaty and Watson; Yea: Council Member Terrasa .
Amendment No. 3 to Council Bill No. 7-2007 failed as amended.

The roll call vote called by the Chairperson on the bill as amended was: Yea: Council Members Ball, Fox, Sigaty and Watson; Nay: Council Member Terrasa .
Council Bill No. 7 passed as amended.

Council Bill No. 8-2007 – Amending the Plumbing and Gasfitting Code for Howard County to adopt certain local amendments relating to certain plumbing facilities, fixtures, and fire protection systems

The Chairperson moved to adopt Council Bill No. 8-2007. His motion was seconded by Ms. Watson.

The roll call vote called by the Chairperson on the bill was: Yea: Council Members Ball, Fox, Sigaty, Terrasa and Watson
Council Bill No. 8-2007 passed.

Council Resolution No. 12-2007 – Declaring that it is in the interest of the public health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of Howard County to reject the offer of dedication of Hill Street (thirty (30) feet in width) abutting lots 7, 8, 9, and 10 (along Hill Street only) in block 4 as shown on the subdivision plat entitled “Property of North Laurel Park Company” recorded among the land records of Howard County, Maryland at liber 61, folio 470 in 1894; declaring, pursuant to Section 4.201 of the Howard County Code, that certain real property consisting of 10 feet abutting lots 20, 21, and 22 in block 6 as shown on the subdivision plat entitled “Property of North Laurel Park Company” is no longer needed by the County for public purposes; authorizing the County Executive to terminate the property interest, vesting fee simple title to the Howard County Housing Commission; waiving the advertising and bidding requirements of Section 4.201 of the Howard County Code; and providing that the County Executive is not bound to terminate the property interest if he finds that it may have a further public use and submits his finding to the County Council for its consideration

The Chairperson moved to adopt Council Resolution No. 12-2007. His motion was seconded by Ms. Watson.

The roll call vote called by the Chairperson on the resolution was: Yea: Council Members Ball, Fox, Sigaty, Terrasa and Watson

Council Resolution No. 12-2007 passed.

Council Resolution No. 13-2007 – Pursuant to Section 4.201 of the Howard County Code declaring that certain real property located at 3726 Old Columbia Pike, Ellicott City, Howard County, Maryland containing .058 acres and owned by Howard County is no longer needed by the County for public purposes; authorizing the County Executive to enter into a long-term Lease Agreement with Historic Ellicott City, Inc.; and providing that the County Executive is not bound to lease the property if he finds that it may have a further public use and submits his finding to the County Council for its consideration

The Chairperson moved to adopt Council Resolution No. 13-2007. His motion was seconded by Ms. Watson.

The roll call vote called by the Chairperson on the resolution was: Yea: Council Members Ball, Fox, Sigaty, Terrasa and Watson

Council Resolution No. 13-2007 passed.

ADJOURNMENT

The Chairperson adjourned the legislative session at 8:20 p.m.

CLOSED MEETINGS

February 7, 2007

The County Council met in closed session at 5:00 p.m. on February 7, 2007 as provided in the Annotated Code of Maryland, State Government Article, Section §10-508(a)(1)(i), which permits closed sessions to discuss the appointment, employment, assignment, promotion, discipline, demotion, compensation, removal, resignation, or performance evaluation of appointees, employees, or officials over whom the Board or Commission has jurisdiction.

Council Members Calvin Ball, Mary Kay Sigaty and Courtney Watson were present. Also present were Council Administrator Sheila Tolliver and Guest Interviewer Lou Hutt, CPA.

The motion to close the session was made by Council Chairman Calvin Ball. His motion was seconded by Mary Kay Sigaty. The roll call vote called on the motion was: Yea: Council Members Ball, Sigaty, and Watson. The motion to conduct the closed meeting passed.

The purpose of the meeting was to interview applicants for the position of County Auditor.

The closed meeting was adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

February 12, 2007

The County Council met in closed session at 8:00 a.m. on February 12, 2007 as provided in the Annotated Code of Maryland, State Government Article, Section §10-508(a)(1)(i), which permits closed sessions to discuss the appointment, employment, assignment, promotion, discipline, demotion, compensation, removal, resignation, or performance evaluation of appointees, employees, or officials over whom the Board or Commission has jurisdiction.

Council Members Calvin Ball, Jen Terrasa, Courtney Watson and Mary Kay Sigaty and Council Administrator Sheila Tolliver were present.

The motion to close the session was made by Council Chairman Calvin Ball. His motion was seconded by Courtney Watson. The roll call vote called on the motion was: Yea: Council Members Ball, Sigaty, Terrasa and Watson. The motion to conduct the closed meeting passed.

The purpose of the meeting was the second interviews of finalists for the position of County Auditor. The Council Members directed the Administrator to check references for the two candidates.

The closed meeting was adjourned at 8:28 a.m.

February 26, 2007

The County Council met in closed session at 1:30 p.m. on February 26, 2007 as provided in the Annotated Code of Maryland, State Government Article, Section §10-508(a)(1)(i), which permits closed sessions to discuss the appointment, employment, assignment, promotion, discipline, demotion, compensation, removal, resignation, or performance evaluation of appointees, employees, or officials over whom the Board or Commission has jurisdiction.

Council Members Calvin Ball, Mary Kay Sigaty and Jennifer Terrasa were present. Also present were Council Administrator Sheila Tolliver, Barry Sanders, Attorney, Office of Law; and Tom Carbo, former Hearing Examiner. Paul Johnson, Deputy County Solicitor, joined at 2:00 p.m. following the first interview.

The motion to close the session was made by Council Chairman Calvin Ball. His motion was seconded by Mary Kay Sigaty. The roll call vote called on the motion was: Yea: Council Members Ball, Sigaty, and Terrasa. The motion to conduct the closed meeting passed.

The purpose of the meeting was to conduct interviews for the position of Hearing Examiner and to select the candidate for County Auditor.

The closed meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.